Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP)

What is the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP)?

The CICP provides discounted health care services to low income individuals at participating providers. **CICP is not a health insurance program**. The CICP is funded with federal and state dollars to partially compensate participating providers who provide health care to the uninsured and underinsured at or below 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing administers the CICP. Health care services are provided throughout the state by hospitals and clinics that participate in the CICP. Not all hospitals and clinics participate in the program.

Example of CICP Maximum Income Guidelines

Annual

Income

\$27,075

\$36,425

\$45,775

\$55,125

Monthly

Income

\$2,256

\$3,035

\$3,815

\$4,594

Family

Size

1

2

3

4

Who is eligible?

- A U.S. citizen or legal immigrant
- A Colorado resident or migrant farm worker
- Applicants that meet income and resource guidelines
- Applicants of any age
- Applicants that are paroled
- Applicants that are not eligible for Medicaid or
- Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+)
- Applicants that who have Medicare and other health insurance

How does someone apply?

- An applicant must visit a hospital or clinic that participates in the CICP to complete the application process.
- An applicant will need to meet with an eligibility technician to determine if they are eligible.
- Applicants must provide specific documentation to complete application (See list below).
- To find a participating hospital or clinic near you, please visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.

What type of medical services will someone eligible for the CICP receive?

- Since the CICP is not insurance covered medical services are different at each participating hospital or clinic.
- CICP discounted health care services are restricted to CICP participating hospitals or clinics.
- The responsible health care provider decides what services are medically necessary.
- All participating hospital providers must provide emergency care. Many CICP providers also provide urgent care and other medical services such as inpatient hospital care, primary care, and some prescription drugs, depending on available funding.

What does the CICP cost?

- CICP eligible clients will be given a "CICP Rate" based on their total income and resources.
- The results of the rating process will determine the client's copayments for a one year period for available services.
- CICP ratings may cover services that were received at a CICP provider up to 90-days before the application.

When may changes to the CICP rate or application occur?

Updates to the rate or application may occur when:

- The year has expired;
- Family income has changed significantly;
- The number of dependents has changed; or
- Information provided was not accurate.

If a client moves or changes providers it is the client's responsibility to tell the eligibility technician at the new CICP provider location of their CICP rating.

Is there a "Cap" or limit on client copayments?

- All CICP clients, except those with an N-rating, do not have to pay more than 10 percent of their income in a 12-month calendar for copayments.
- Annual copayments for clients with an N-rating cannot exceed \$120.
- Annual caps apply to charges incurred only after a client is eligible for the CICP.
- Clients are responsible for keeping track of the CICP copayments and informing the provider once their family has reached the copayment cap.

What documentation is needed?

Applicants may be asked to provide one or more of the following documents:

- State of Colorado driver's license or state identification card
- Proof of immigration status
- Copy of last month's paycheck stubs
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) award letter
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) award letter
- Proof of payments from pension plans
- Proof of payments from Aid to the Needy and Disabled (AND) or Old Age Pension (OAP)
- A copy of Medicare or other health insurance card
- Documentation of value for all vehicles
- Documentation of other income sources
- Documentation of prior medical, physician and pharmacy expenses

Where can I get more information about the CICP?

- Call Customer Service at 303-866-3513 in the Denver metro area or 1-800-221-3943
- Visit Colorado.gov/hcpf

